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NOTES FROM THE STACKS

Dean's Corner

Patricia Cutright

Greetings from the James E. Brooks Library,

Summertime always offers the Brooks Library such a wonderful chance to hone in on campus and community collaborations outside of our normal programming during the academic year. It's a time for us to reflect on the projects we have worked on throughout the year and to make strides in moving forward as we continue to serve as the hub and academic town square of the university.

For years, there has been discussion of incorporating the collection within the Multimodal Education Center (formally the Educational Technology Center) into the Brooks Library catalog. Finally, that day is here. Perhaps one of our most important cross-campus collaborations yet, the Multimodal Education Center (MEC) collection is now searchable through the Brooks Library catalog using OneSearch. The MEC collection includes a wide range of children's literature, young adult fiction, K-12 textbooks in all major subject areas, education monographs, classroom manipulatives, and much more. The over 17,000 volumes we have migrated into the Brooks Library collection are still housed within the MEC in Black Hall, continuing the ease of access for Central's Early Education and K-12 Education students, but also opening the collection

up to our on-campus and off-site students with one-stop convenience.

This collaboration now allows students, faculty, staff, and community members to search the collections of the Brooks Library and the MEC in one place, and it will make cooperative collection development across campus much simpler. Please join us on October 6, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Multimodal Education Center in Black Hall for an open house celebrating the partnership.

In addition to campus-wide collaboration, we have celebrated an incredible partnership with the Liu Zhou Graduate Student Cohort. On August 26th, 5 graduate student representatives from the Liu Zhou Graduate Student Cohort 6 presented me, on behalf of the library, with a gift to show their appreciation for the excellent services and assistance the library has offered them during their one-year stay at Central. The Liuzhou project was initiated in August 2010 by the Liuzhou Municipal Government in China



and Central Washington University. Six cohorts and approximately 150 students completed master's degrees at Central in

public administration, accounting, and engineering technology at the end of August 2016. During their stay, the Brooks Library provided various services and assistance to Cohort 6 students including resource locating, research assistance, and assisting with the formatting and proofreading of their assignments and capstone projects. The gift was a recently completed Dong hand embroidery entitled "A Dragon Flying Across Auspicious Clouds," made by Dong master, Dongjuan Shi, a certified inheritor of Dong embroidery. The dragon symbol in Dong culture implies taking challenges and fighting for a brighter future, a symbol that the cohort students believe is very close to the spirit of Wildcats.

Lastly, an incredible donor project came to fruition this summer as two benches were installed outside of the library. A warm thank you to Dr. James E. Brooks and his wife Lillian Brooks for their donation of two wonderful additions to campus. The Brooks' worked with local artist Jerry Bement of J Dubs Metalworks in Downtown Ellensburg to design benches representative of Central Washington University and the James E. Brooks Library. We look forward to watching students, faculty, staff, and community members enjoy a shaded spot for studying or just indulging in a cup of coffee from Jimmy B's right outside the library. What a beautiful spot to observe the approach of fall and the quarter opening with the largest freshman class yet at CWU. Go Wildcats!

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ScholarWorks

ScholarWorks @ CWU is the open access institutional repository of Central Washington University. The collection is curated and administered by the James E. Brooks Library. ScholarWorks @ CWU showcases the scholarly and creative output of the university community and features archival material documenting the history of the central Washington region. Over the summer, our Scholarly Communications Librarian partnered with CWU faculty and staff to add some interesting collections featuring a wide range of content:

- Working with Scott Robinson, Professor and Department Chair of the Theatre Department, we've added Master of Theater Production projects. These graduate projects chronicle the production of a particular play or musical from concept, to preparation, to performance and give interesting, detailed insight into the artistic process.

- Working with Charles Pringle, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Technology (MET), we've collected all MET senior projects from the 2016 cohort. These undergraduate capstone projects detail the concept, design, build, and utility of a wide variety of engineering projects and provide valuable insight into the engineering process.

- Working with Janet Shields from the Faculty Senate, we've created the CWU Faculty Senate Archive, which currently includes all Faculty Senate and Faculty

Committee meeting minutes back to 2006-2007.

And beginning this fall, minutes prior to 2006 will be scanned and made available for the first time as full-text, searchable, digital downloads.

Our Archives & Special Collections department has also added some great content to the KCWUTV Collection including: the dedication of the Brooks Library, the construction of CWU's Japanese Garden, a compilation of CWU commercials from 1998, documentaries about Kittitas County from 1982 and 1995, the documentary Liberty: A Mining History, and a classic edition of Inside Central from 2004.

If you have content that you believe is appropriate for ScholarWorks @ CWU, please contact the Scholarly Communications Librarian at scholarworks@cwu.edu.

Upcoming Events

October 18: Game Night

October 19: Long Night Against Procrastination

October 25: Human Library

November 2: Book Club Discussion

November 4-5: Book Sale

November 8: Game Night

November 19: International Games Day

December 4-5: Paws and Relax

December 6: Waffle Night

December 7: Button Making

KVH Community Health Library

Jessica Stallings began her position as the new Community Health Library Coordinator Kittitas Valley Healthcare in June 2016. Jessica's background lies within Community and Population health, with an interest in improving health literacy rates among community members. The services provided by the library are free and available to all Kittitas County residents and to Central Washington University students. Services include a full range of health related books; online full-text health and medical journals; educational brochures and pamphlets; medical textbooks; bilingual health videos; newsletters; charts and models. The Community Health Library's mission is to provide Kittitas County

residents, healthcare providers, and university students with a wide range of the latest medical and health information.

The Community Health Library is a full member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and has been working in partnership with CWU Brooks Library since 1998.

The dedicated Community Health Library staff offers personalized, 1-on-1 assistance to help students conduct research, find information about medical conditions, make informed healthcare decisions, and provide educational materials for presentations and projects.

The Community Health Library is located at 603 S Chestnut Street, Ellensburg (next to KVH Family Medicine). The library is open Monday – Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and can be reached by either telephone (509) 933-7533 or email: healthlibrary@kvhealthcare.org.

Instruction

Throughout the 2015-16 academic year, the Brooks Library saw 4,947 students through library instruction sessions. Most students participated in these sessions as part of a class, and instruction was likely paired with a research project. Last year, the library saw 1,600+ students from the incoming freshman class. With a large incoming class for fall 2016, the Brooks Library is expecting to see closer to 2,000 students in library sessions during the first quarter.

The content that goes into a library session varies significantly and each session is tailored to meet the needs of a particular class. Deep research, source evaluation, and information synthesis are challenging in their own right. However, knowing where to look and what you're looking for can be significantly more manageable after meeting with a librarian to go over potential resources. Library instruction sessions are designed to make research more manageable for

students and cover topics such as: search strategies, how to turn research questions into searches, and essential information literacy practices.

Information literacy is a frequently used phrase within librarianship to describe developed abilities in, "discovery of information, the understanding of how information is produced and valued, and the use of information in creating new knowledge and participating ethically in communities of learning" (Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education, 2016). Demonstrated abilities in finding and using quality information are essential in today's environment of ever expanding information options.

If you'd like to get involved in taking a library session, the library also offers classes geared toward developing essential research skills and both LIS110 and LIS345 are available to any student. Community members interested in taking classes can attend as a non-matriculated student to boost your research skills.



Friends of the Library

The Board of Directors has met over eleven hours in the months since the New Year. Four were in an intensive retreat facilitated by Kari Anderson to take stock and set our direction. We are a group in progress and invite the community to join us in showing our support for the Brooks Library. There are many ways to participate. We have our annual book sale coming up; people can donate books, volunteer to work the sale, or just come and buy lots of good books! The sale will be held November 4th & 5th - be sure to come early for the best selection!

I had the opportunity to see our librarians in action at a recent unconference at the

Odegaard Library at the University of Washington. Lizzie Brown was emcee for the Lightning Talks, Marty Blackson and Maureen Rust presented "Innovative Outreach Collaborations Keep Libraries Relevant," and Sean Lind presented "Curating Collections by Curating Connections: How to Increase the Use and Usefulness of IR (Institutional Repository) Content." Both presentations shared excellent examples of how academic libraries can reach out and collaborate on many levels. Following the Lightning talks were two roundtable sessions on a wide range of topics. It was a great opportunity to connect with Aimée Quinn and share perspectives on change in libraries.

Change is also a recurring theme in our conversations at the Friends of the Brooks Library board

meetings. I appreciate the support of longstanding board members as I get up to speed. We have updated our by-laws and reviewed the constitution. A generous thank you goes to Bob Jones and Eleanor Trujillo as they move on to the next best thing and thanks to Corwin King and Boris Kovalerchuk for adding another year to their term to assist with the transitions. Scott Templin is the new Chair, Ronda Brooks Patrick the Vice Chair/Treasurer, and Jerry Brong, Secretary. Welcome new members! Thank you to our readers - we would love to hear from you. – Diane Huckabay

For more information about the Friends of the Brooks Library, contact Diane Huckabay (509-933-4051) or Maureen Rust, Library Liaison (509-963-2102).



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Brooks Library Foyer

November 4th
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

November 5th
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

\$5 bag of books starting at 1:00 PM on November 5th. Stop by to learn about becoming a friend of the library.

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